



Heavenly Parent's Holy Community

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Dear EUME Families!

Happy Holy Days!

This Friday, November 1st and on Sunday November 3rd we celebrate two important holy days in our Unification tradition: the 65th True Children's Day and the 37th *Kaecheonil*, the Foundation Day of the Nation of Cosmic Unity. Fumiko and I send our best wishes for your celebrations and very much hope you can gather together with others in your local community. Don't forget to take and send some good pictures! Thank you also for all your generous Holy Day donations, both those given and those still intended!

True Children's Day began as a Thanksgiving Sunday Service on November 19th 1960 just a few days before the American Thanksgiving holiday and a few weeks before the birth of Ye Jin Nim, True Parents' first daughter. The following year in 1961, True Parents started to use the term "Children's Day" and at the 3rd Children's Day in 1962, True Father explained the importance of all holy days: "People celebrate various feasts such as birthdays, weddings, and Christmas, and enjoy themselves. But heaven has not had such festivals to rejoice. **But this day is the one that heaven truly celebrates and rejoices.**"

On Sunday we mark the 37th *Kaecheonil*. True Parents first proclaimed this day of victory shortly after the success of the 1988 Korean Olympics outreach campaign which brought together the democratic and communist nations in friendly competition. I remember that day well, since I was privileged to be in Korea on that day having been one of the UK delegates to the Olympic campaign. True Father at first asked everyone present to fast for 7 days, but True Mother interceded and it became 7 days of breakfast fasting instead. Father offered a deep prayer for the future, saying, "You did not forsake me, but righted my way night and day, and I am truly grateful for the innumerable helping graces You have given me to aid me in pioneering the difficulties in my environment and overcoming crises in my path."

Thirty six years have passed, and the difficulties still keep coming. It has been a challenging year with war raging on several fronts in our region. On the bright side, True Mother came to us in Munich at Pentecost and told us "All things are possible" when we unite with Heavenly Parent and True Parents. We 100% agree. Working together, there is nothing we cannot do. We are God's Winning Team!

May Heavenly Parent bless you and your families!

Sincerely,

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